

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-O-149

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 7-2 ENTITLED “SAME-AMENDMENTS” AND CHAPTER 24, APPENDIX D, PERMIT FEES, TO INCREASE THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMIT FEE AND THE RESIDENTIAL PLAN REVIEW FEE; AND ESTABLISH NEW COMMERCIAL PLAN CHECKING FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE BILL (H.B.) 852; PROVIDING FOR A NEW WORKFLOW INSTANCE PLAN REVIEW FEE, PROVIDING FOR A RESUBMITTAL PLAN REVIEW FEE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPEDITED PLAN REVIEW FEE, PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE AND REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo is a Home Rule City acting under its Charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article X I, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 852 provides that: (l) in determining the amount of a building or inspection fee required in connection with the construction or improvement of a residential dwelling, a city may not consider: (a) the value of the dwelling; or (b) the cost of constructing or improving the dwelling; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2019, staff presented the proposed fee schedule for residential building permits that is consistent with H.B. 852; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and desirable to adopt the amendments to the Code of Ordinances and the Land Development Code as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7, Section 7-2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7-2. — Same—Amendments.

The following sections of the International Building Code are modified to be specifically tailored to the City of Laredo:

Section 109.2 Schedule of Permit Fees. On buildings, structures, electrical, gas, mechanical and plumbing systems or alterations requiring a permit, a fee for each permit shall be paid as required, in accordance with the following schedule established herein:

SCHEDULE OF PERMIT FEES  
COMMERCIAL - TOTAL VALUATION FEE

|                          |                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$1 ,000.00 and less     | No fee, unless inspection required, in which case a \$50.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged.                           |
| \$1,001 to \$50,000      | \$50.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to including \$50,000.00         |
| \$50,001 to \$100,000    | \$260.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to including \$100,000.00      |
| \$100,001 to \$500,000   | \$360.00 for the first \$100,000.00 plus \$2.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to including \$500,000.00     |
| \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 | \$1,160.00 for the first \$500,000.00 plus \$1.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to including \$1,000,000.00 |
| \$1,000,001 and above    | \$1,660.00 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$0.50 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof.                              |

BUILDING PERMIT FEES RESIDENTIAL

| Type                                             | Fee                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Block Fence                                      | \$46.00                                      |
| Reroof                                           | \$50.00                                      |
| Swimming Pool                                    | \$64.00                                      |
| Open Accessory (e.g. porches, palapas, carports) | \$64.00                                      |
| Enclosed Accessory (e.g. detached storage room)  | \$64.00                                      |
| Remodel / Addition (Up to 1,000 sq. ft)          | \$64.00                                      |
| Remodel /Addition (1,001-2,000 sq. ft)           | \$73.00                                      |
| Remodel / Addition (2,001 sq. ft or more)        | \$76.00                                      |
| New Construction                                 | <del>[\$0.16]</del> <u>\$0.40</u> per sq. ft |

ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

For the moving of any building or structure, the fee shall be \$50.00. A \$50.00 administrative fee is for inspection of building site, setback, zoning regulations and the requirement of section G501 of the International Building Code will be charged.

DEMOLITION FEE

For the demolition of any building or structures, the fee shall be:

0 up to 100,000 cu ft: \$50.00  
100,000 cu ft and over: \$0.50/ 1,000 cu ft

## PLAN-CHECKING FEES

When a plan is required to be submitted by Section 105.1 of the International Building Code, a plan-checking fee shall be paid to the Building Official at the time of submitting the plans and specifications for checking. Said plan-checking fee shall be paid as required, in accordance with the following fee schedule established herein:

### PLAN-CHECKING FEE - COMMERCIAL

|                                           |
|-------------------------------------------|
| One half (1/2) of the building permit fee |
|-------------------------------------------|

### PLAN-CHECKING FEE NEW WORK FLOW INSTANCE - COMMERCIAL

| <u>Original Valuation</u>   | <u>Fee</u>      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>\$0 - \$50,000</u>       | <u>\$200.00</u> |
| <u>\$50,001 - \$100,000</u> | <u>\$300.00</u> |
| <u>\$100,001 and above</u>  | <u>\$400.00</u> |

### PLAN-CHECKING FEE RE-SUBMITTAL – COMMERCIAL

| <u>Re-submittal cycle</u>                                   | <u>Fee</u>      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <u>1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> (First and second)</u> | <u>\$0.00</u>   |
| <u>3<sup>rd</sup> (Third)</u>                               | <u>\$200.00</u> |
| <u>4<sup>th</sup> (Fourth)</u>                              | <u>\$300.00</u> |

Applicant must reapply after a fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) submittal.

### PLAN-CHECKING FEE EXPEDITED PROCESS - COMMERCIAL

| <u>Description</u>      | <u>Fee</u>        |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Expedited review</u> | <u>\$1,250.00</u> |

### PLAN-CHECKING FEE - RESIDENTIAL

| Type                                             | Fee                                          |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Block Fence                                      | \$30.00                                      |
| Reroof                                           | \$34.00                                      |
| Swimming Pool                                    | \$40.00                                      |
| Open Accessory (e.g. porches, palapas, carports) | \$40.00                                      |
| Enclosed Accessory (e.g. detached storage room)  | \$40.00                                      |
| Remodel / Addition (Up to 1,000 sq. ft)          | \$40.00                                      |
| Remodel /Addition (1,001-2,000 sq. ft)           | \$45.00                                      |
| Remodel / Addition (2,001 sq. ft or more)        | \$55.00                                      |
| New Construction                                 | <del>[\$0.11]</del> <u>\$0.28</u> per sq. ft |

Such plan-checking fee is in addition to the building permit fee.

Section 2. The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Appendix D, Section 1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

## PERMIT FEES

### (l) Building Fees

(a) The fees for permits required by section 24.16.1 of this code shall be as follows:

#### BUILDING PERMIT FEES – COMMERCIAL

| Total Valuation          | Fee                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$1,000 and less         | No fee, unless inspection required, in which case a \$50.00 fee for each inspection shall be charged                            |
| \$1,001 to \$50,000      | \$50.00 for the first \$1,000.00 plus \$4.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to including \$50,000.00         |
| \$50,001 to \$100,000    | \$260.00 for the first \$50,000.00 plus \$3.00 for each additional thousand or fraction thereof, to including \$100,000.00      |
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### PENALTIES

Where work for which a permit is required by this code is started or proceeded prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled, but the payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

### PLAN-CHECKING FEES

When a plan is required to be submitted a non-refundable plan-checking fee shall be paid to the Building Official at the time of submitting plans and specifications for checking. Said plan checking fee shall be paid as required in accordance with the following fee schedule established herein:

#### COMMERCIAL

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Section 3. This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances of the City of Laredo, Texas, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 4. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

Section 5. The City Secretary of the City of Laredo is hereby directed to publish the proposed Ordinance as required by Section 2.09 of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 6. The publishers of the City Code of Laredo, Texas are authorized to amend said code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to index, format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its adoption and publication required by the City Charter and by state law.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS**

**\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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**DR. VICTOR D. TREVINO**  
**MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**MARIO I. MALDONADO JR.**  
**CITY SECRETARY**  
**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**DOANH “ZONE” T. NGUYEN**  
**CITY ATTORNEY**

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**BY: XAVIER CHARLES**  
**ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**